GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Landing of Fighter Planes on Expressway
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the emergency landing of fighter planes was tested on an expressway connected with Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the other expressways in the country which can be used for emergency landing and the action being taken by the Government after conducting a study in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to construct an appropriate expressway for the landing of fighter planes in addition to investing requisite money in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (c) The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). However, it is learnt that such experiment has taken place on Yamuna Expressway between Noida and Agra which is not a NH.

Discussions were held on necessity for setting up emergency landing facilities along major NH corridor for fixed wing Aircraft between this Ministry and officers of Ministry of Defence.

The Ministry has requested Air Force Head Quarter to identify specific locations/stretches suiting the specific requirements along with modifications required in such stretches in consultation with field Officers of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

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